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SEPTEMBER 29-30, 1977.

- 1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SECRETARIAT WITH RESPECT TO THIS PREPARATORY MEETING, WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO FACILITATE ATTENDANCE OF US PARTICIPANTS IN THE EARLY OCTOBER EPA EUROPEAN COMMISSION CONSULTATIONS.
- 2. TEXT. QUOTE. AT THE 14TH (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE CHEMICALS GROUP ON 14-16 JUNE 1977, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A WORKING PARTY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO SEEK THE HARMONIZATION OF TEST PROTOCOLS, TEST PROCEDURES AND TEST GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES. GERMANY WILL ACT AS LEAD COUNTRY FOR THIS ACTIVITY. (SEE RECORD OF THE MEETING: ENV/CHEM UNCLASSIFIED

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77.2/M PARA.24-25).

THE LEAD COUNTRY AND THE SECRETARIAT ARE OF THE OPINION THAT BEFORE CONVENING THE WORKING PARTY A DETAILED PLAN SHOULD BE ELABORATED AND PRESENTED TO THE CHEMICALS GROUP AT ITS NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER 1977. TO BE ABLE TO ELABORATE SUCH A PROPOSAL, THE LEAD COUNTRY IS SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF A FEW

EXPERTS FROM YOUR COUNTRY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE NETHERLANDS AND JAPAN.

THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE ACCEPTED TO ACT AS LEAD COUNTRIES FOR ACTIVITIES ALREADY INITIATED BY THE CHEMICALS GROUP IN THE AREA OF TEST METHODS AND EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES. (SEE RECORD OF 13TH MEETING ENV/CHEM/77.1/M PARA 14-16). IN ADDITION, MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE SOUGHT FROM JAPAN WHO ALSO REPORTED WORK IN THIS AREA AT THE 13TH MEETING OF THE GROUP (SEE RECORD PARA 17).

A MEETING HAS BEEN FIXED BY THE LEAD COUNTRY AND THE SECRETARIAT FOR 29-30TH SEPTEMBER 1977 IN BERLIN (WEST). THE AIM OF THIS MEETING IS TO DEFINE THE AREAS IN NEED OF HARMONIZATION AND TO PROPOSE PROCEDURES FOR HOW TO CARRY OUT THE WORK

YOUR COUNTRY IS INVITED TO INFORM THE LEAD COUNTRY AND THE OECD SECRETARIAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAME (S) WHO WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT A CONSULTATION WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE EPA AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN BRUSSELS IN EARLY OCTOBER. THE DATES FOR THE MEETING IN BERLIN HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO PERMIT THE SAME EXPERTS TO ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS, SHOULD THIS BE APPROPRIATE.

THE POINT OF CONTACT IN THE LEAD IS: UMWELTBUNDESAMT, BISMARCKPLATZ, 1 - BERLIN. ATTN: DR. WAGNER. TEL (030) 8903259.

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THE PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BERLIN THE PREVIOUS DAY TO ENSURE TWO FULL WORKING DAYS ON 29TH AND 30TH SEPTEMBER. ACCOMMODATION CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH DR. WAGNER, WHO WILL ALSO FORWARD WORKING PAPERS AND DETAILS OF FINAL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE PARTICIPANTS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN NAMED.

EXPERTS FROM THE LEAD COUNTRY HAVE AGREED TO PREPARE A DRAFT PAPER AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PREPARA-

TORY MEETING. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE HELPFUL IF RELE-VANT INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTRY COULD BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

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